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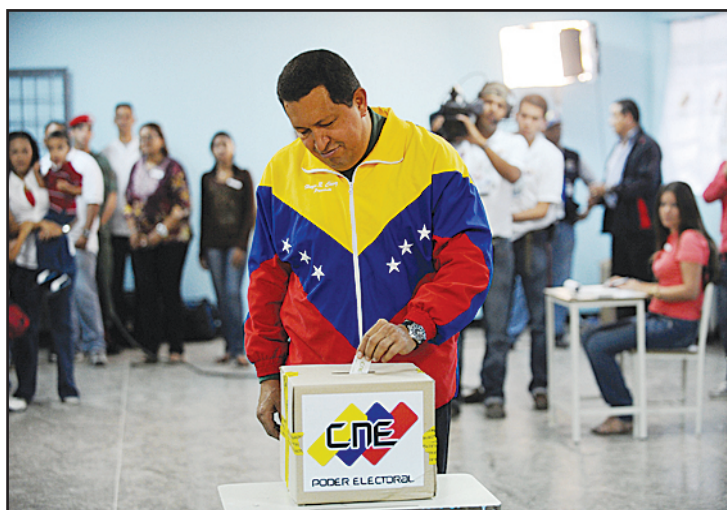


Photo shows Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez casting his vote yesterday. Venezuelans came out in force yesterday to vote in a key test for leftist President Hugo Chavez, as the opposition fought for a strong return to the National Assembly after boycotting the last elections.



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The 10th edition of Aruba's Special Olympics was this weekend



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Heavy rains spark deadly floods in Mexico, Central America

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (AFP) - The remnants of Tropical Storm Matthew dumped torrential rains on southern Mexico and much of Central America yesterday, killing at least one person as it let loose floods and mudslides across the water-logged region.

In El Salvador, a 32-year-old man was killed when he was swept away by a swollen river, and another person was missing, authorities said.

Five states in southern and eastern Mexico issued alerts due to the heavy rains, including Veracruz, still suffering from Hurricane Karl earlier this month.

Late yesterday the center of the remnant low pressure area was moving westward over far southern Mexico and "could become nearly stationary by tonight," the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.

Destructive winds were no longer the concern; authorities were on red alert for more flooding and mudslides in a mountainous region that is in the midst of one of the most intense rainy seasons in the past 60 years.

In a sign of increasing dan-



A man jumps from stranded cars after heavy rains in Caracas, on September 25, 2010. Venezuela too was left counting the cost of rains that lashed the northern regions of the country after the passage of Tropical Storm Matthew. Up to now, eight people were killed and many others remain disappeared

ger for Mexico and Guatemala, the NHC raised its forecast for rainfall as the weather system slowed its forward crawl over the region.

The system "is expected to produce total rain accumulations of 25-50 centimeters (10 to 20 inches) from far southern Mexico into northern portions of Central America with isolated maximum amounts of 76

centimeters (30 inches) possible," the Miami-based NHC warned.

"These rains could produce life-threatening flash floods and mudslides," it stressed.

Thousands in rural Central America live close to rivers likely to burst their banks, because they depend on them for water and farming.

'Jewish aid boat' leaves Cyprus bound for Gaza

FAMAGUSTA, Cyprus (AFP) - A boat carrying Jewish activists from Israel, Europe and the United States set sail yesterday from Cyprus bound for Gaza, in a bid to run Israel's blockade of the Palestinian territory.

The "Irene" left the port of Famagusta in the Turkish-held north of the divided eastern Mediterranean island in the early afternoon carrying eight activists, three of them crew members, and two journalists.

Reuven Moskowitz, an 82-year-old passenger who survived the Nazi Holocaust, told AFP he felt duty-bound to attempt the voyage in the small blue and white sailing boat, a trip expected to take around 36

hours.

"It is a sacred duty for me, as a survivor, to protest against the persecution, the oppression and the imprisonment of so many people in Gaza, including more than 800,000 children," Moskowitz said.

Yonatan Shapira, an Israeli crew member on the British-flagged sailing boat, said they were not seeking confrontation. "We have a policy of non-violence and non-confrontation," he said. "But if the Israeli army stops the boat, we will not help them to take it to Ashdod," he said of the southern Israeli port where other blockade runners have been taken after being stopped by warships.

Chavez leads Internet attack for Venezuela vote

CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - President Hugo Chavez led Internet battles for influence during Venezuela's key legislative elections yesterday, using his Twitter account to urge voters to the polls.

One day after officials said the president's @chavezcan-danga Twitter account had been hacked, Chavez -- a former soldier who has won a string of popular votes in almost 12 years in power -- used the popular social network to call for "maximum mobilization" of his supporters and for "a strong push on the entire battle frontline."

He also urged voters to mount a "sustained attack!" at the ballot box.

Meanwhile, the opposition coalition's Twitteraccount @unidadvenezuela also

urged voters to come out in force, with leaders posting updates as they voted.

"It's time to choose better security for Venezuelans and a better quality of life," wrote Caracas mayor Antonio Ledezma, echoing the opposition campaign against Venezuela's murder rate, one of the highest in the world.

Opposition parties, who have united to take on Chavez's dominant leftist party after boycotting the last congressional elections five years ago, also hammered out messages throughout the day.

Twitter use is widespread in this highly polarized and politicized nation, and its bombastic president is its most high-profile user, with more than 850,000 followers.

More than 17 million Venezuelans were eligible to vote for 165 lawmakers in what was expected to be a tight race which would influence Chavez's "socialist revolution," two years before presidential polls.

French Riviera sees new case of chikungunya virus

DRAGUIGNAN, France (AFP) - French health authorities have asked doctors on the Riviera to be on the alert after a second case was detected in the region this weekend of the mosquito-borne chikungunya virus.

Two 12-year girls in the town of Frejus have caught the virus that causes fever, headaches and arthritic-type symptoms that leave victims stooped, officials said yesterday.

They noted that both cases were "native," meaning that the victims had not travelled to the parts of eastern Africa, southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent where the virus is widespread.

There is no known vaccine or treatment for chikungunya, which has infected millions of people in Africa and Asia and can cause debilitating pain and, in extreme cases, death.

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This year's World Tourism Day celebrations will be officially hosted by China and will take place under the theme "Tourism and Bio Diversity" at Guangdong Province in China on September 27.

The theme provides a unique opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of biodiversity to tourism and the role of sustainable tourism in the conservation of life on Earth. Biodiversity is a key tourism asset and fundamental to its sustained growth. Intact and healthy ecosystems form the cornerstone of thousands of tourist enterprises and products worldwide, attracting hundreds of millions of tourists each year. As a leading economic activity, sustainable tourism has an important role and responsibility in managing and conserving biological natural resources. As a key source of income and employment, tourism often provides strong incentives to protect biodiversity. Sustainable tourism can furthermore generate sig-



Taleb Rifai
Secretary-General
UNWTO

nificant revenues for conservation and community development and help to raise awareness of biodiversity issues.

The theme, "Tourism and Biodiversity," is particularly pertinent in 2010. Concerned by the continued loss of biological diversity, the United Nations Assembly declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. The year coincides with the target adopted by governments in 2002, to achieve by 2010, a significant reduction in the rate of biodi-

versity loss.

"Tourism and biodiversity are mutually dependent. UNWTO wishes to raise awareness and calls upon the tourism stakeholders and travelers themselves to contribute their part of the global responsibility to safeguard the intricate web of unique species and ecosystems that make up our planet," said UNWTO secretary-general Taleb Rifai.

Alongside a series of cultural events organized by the Chinese government, the China National Tourism Administration (CNTA) is hosting the 2010 World Tourism Day Think Tank around this year's theme. The Think Tank brings together leading public and private tourism stakeholders, as well as biodiversity experts and members of the media, to highlight the close relationship between tourism and biodiversity, and identify how tourism can contribute to preserving life on Earth and its unique biodiversity.

Flor di Violeta enjoys entertaining morning at Seaport Casino



Recently, Seaport Casino received the visit from a dear group of local people. Some 30 members of Flor di Violeta came to the casino to enjoy a few hours of playing and each other's company. They were received with open arms by the casino staff as many of them are already loyal clients and even members of Seaport Casino. Upon their arrival they were treated to a snack, \$5 Free Play coupons and at noon again, a delicious soup. The VIPs had a good time playing the different slot machines and socializing with the staff. When leaving, their leader Mrs. Rita Paskel assured Seaport Casino management that this won't be their last visit to Seaport Casino.

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The Aruba National Archive extends period for information gathering on Arubans who immigrated to Cuba

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba National Archives announces that the petition for gathering data of the period that many Arubans went to Cuba to work was greeted with much enthusiasm. The project was launched by the press and other media. The reaction of family members and others who wish to share some of their materials is admirable, taking into account that this took place almost 100 years ago.

Materials gathered up to now are, among others, pictures of Arubans in Cuba, Arubans who, after a while, came back from Cuba, valuable anecdotes, and other documents that give an idea of the experiences and information regarding that period.

The project consists of various phases, which started with the accumulation of data and information. Taking into account that people are still going to the Aruba National Archives to give information, it was decided to extend the gathering period of material and information until October 1, 2010.

Anyone who still has

doubts or questions regarding what kind of materials or information, can call Project Coordinator Mr. Jose Miguel Donata at tel. 583-4880 or drop by personally at the offices of the Aruba National Archives, at Sabana Blanco 60.

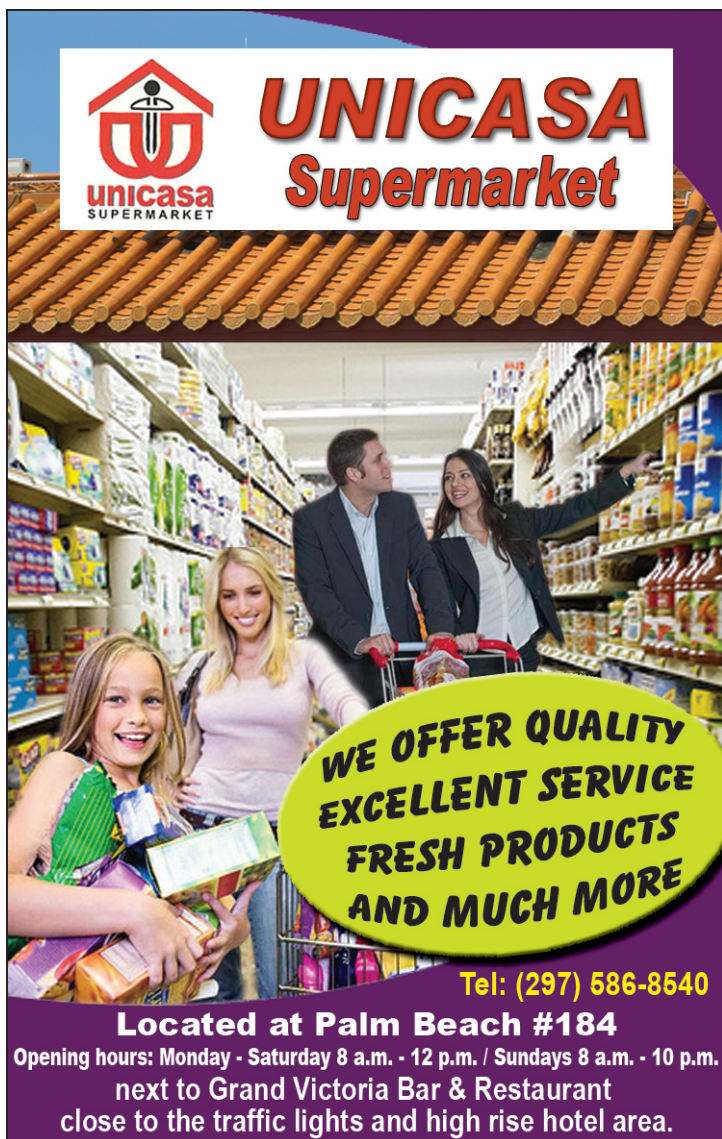
The Aruba National Archives will continue informing the public on the developments of this Project. It also extends its gratitude towards everyone who offered their help and collaboration.

Everyone interested in sending information can do that via e-mail: ana@aruba.gov.aw.

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“Nothing stops Aruba’s Special Olympics!” particularly on their 10th anniversary



Angelo Orman and torch bearers of the Special Olympics



Tuyo Werleman

The 10th anniversary edition of Aruba’s Special Olympics saw clear skies on Friday evening, despite a full week of heavy showers. “People have been calling me all day to asked if the opening ceremonies are being cancelled,” Special Olympics Committee President Arturo Werleman informed the bleachers during the opening event at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium. “However, I placed my faith in our Lord and he answered my prayers - Nothing stops Aruba’s Spe-



cial Olympics!”

Aruba’s special athletes and their coaches paraded around the stadium to cheers as they displayed the various sports disciplines in which they would compete over the weekend; the final events and awards ceremonies to take place on Sunday at the Papaya Ranch in Nuñe. This year, they were honored to welcome a contingent of special athletes from Bonaire, who joined in the games.

Present for the opening was Aruba’s Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture - Michelle Janice

Hooyboer-Winklaar, who enjoys a singular relationship with the island’s special athletes. Prior to entering politics she was General Manager of Digicel, the official sponsor of Aruba’s Special Olympics, for a number of years. Her successor, Bert Schreuders was on hand as Digicel continues to endorse this worthwhile event.

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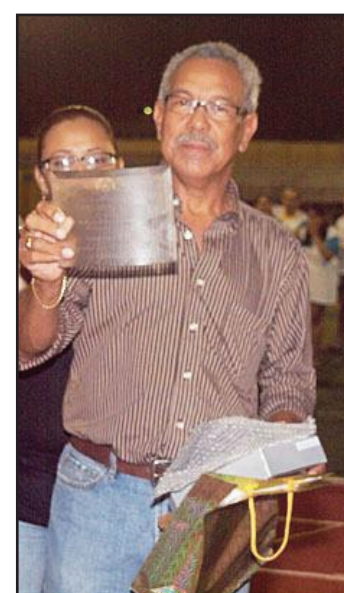
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Lilah Mackay honored

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar was one of a number of individuals singled out for honoring that evening by the presentation of plaques commending those who have made a distinctive contribution to Aruba’s Special Olympics over the years. They included among them co-founder Lilah MacKay, Head of Volunteers and member of the board, Netty Williams, TV sports announcer Cadochi Kock, and, to his surprise, Ar-

turo Werleman.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar declared she was very proud of her association with Special Olympics, and how accomplished the competitors have proven to be, not only on Aruba, but internationally.

“Aruba’s special athletes train daily and compete weekly to perfect their performance,” Werleman informed the gathering. “They have brought home gold, silver and bronze medals from the International Special Olympics in London and

Shanghai, and deserve recognition for their accomplishments.”

The symbolic torch that marks the opening of such events worldwide was carried by a team of six special athletes from the Marlboro Ballpark to the stadium, led by Angelo Orman, who recently brought home to Aruba gold medals in Track and Field from the Pan American Games in Puerto Rico.

Over the weekend, special athletes competed in soccer, bowling, ping-pong, swimming, track and field, bad-

A thank you for Cadochi Kock

minton and bacci ball. This kick-off event had special significance not only as the 10th anniversary of Aruba’s Special Olympics, but marking the beginning of an awareness campaign as the island’s special athletes prepare for the next International Special Olympics to be held in Athens from June 25 to July 4, 2011.

by Rosalie Klein

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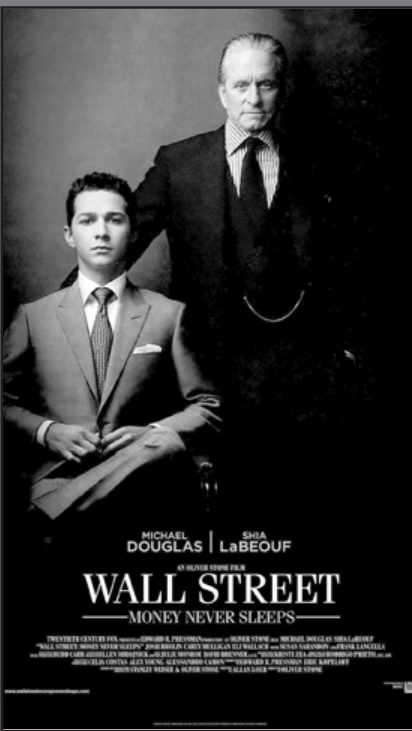
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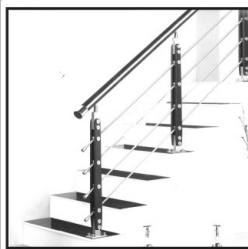
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EMERGING FROM A LENGTHY PRISON STINT, GORDON GEKKO FINDS HIMSELF ON THE OUTSIDE OF A WORLD HE ONCE DOMINATED. LOOKING TO REPAIR HIS DAMAGED RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS DAUGHTER, GEKKO FORMS AN ALLIANCE WITH HER FIANCE JACOB, AND JACOB BEGINS TO SEE HIM AS A FATHER FIGURE. BUT JACOB LEARNS THE HARD WAY THAT GEKKO -- STILL A MASTER MANIPULATOR AND PLAYER -- IS AFTER SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT FROM REDEMPTION.

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Moses had help parting the Red Sea: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US researchers think they have narrowed down where Moses parted the Red Sea 3,000 years ago, and also how he did it -- with a little help from the wind.

"People have always been fascinated by this Exodus story, wondering if it comes from historical facts," Carl Drews of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the lead author of the study, said.

"What this study shows is that the description of the waters parting indeed has a basis in physical laws," he said.

Drews and his co-author Weiqing Han, an oceanographer from the University of Colorado, focused their search for where the crossing might have happened on a place where there was a bend in the water, ruling out sites used in earlier studies -- in the Gulf of Suez or near Aqaba in modern-day Jordan.

The two researchers focused on a place with a bend in the water, reasoning that when the wind blows, the water would shift and split at the point of the bend, leaving water on both sides, Drews explained.

The two researchers narrowed down their hunt to a place in the eastern Nile Delta at an archaeological site later

called Tell Kedua, situated north of the Suez Canal on the Mediterranean coast.

The two researchers used satellite data to make a model of the area, and modified the terrain to look the way they hypothesized it would have been 3,000 years ago. They then filled it with water and caused an east wind to blow over it.

According to their model, a wind blowing for 12 hours at 63 miles an hour (101 kilometers per hour) would have pushed back waters estimated to be six feet (two meters) deep,

creating a dry passage about two miles long by three miles wide that remained exposed for about four hours -- sufficient time for Moses and the Israelites to cross, even if they were walking into the wind.

As soon as the wind stopped, the waters would have come rushing back, drowning anyone still on the relatively narrow passage, says the study published online on the Public Library of Science site.

"The simulations match fairly closely with the account in Exodus," said Drews.

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thing you like, you simply hover over the thumbnail with your cursor. A like button will pop up. Click it and news from that community will be automatically funneled into your news feed. If you want to learn more about a community, you click its title under the thumbnail.

In addition, to the right of the thumbnails is a list of your friends and links to the communities on Facebook that you and they mutually like. You might be surprised how much or how little you share in your social network's likes and dislikes.

Health & Living

Anti-aging moves that really work

One thing's for sure: when it comes to fighting the good fight against aging, there is no shortage of options. But with everyone claiming to offer the fountain of youth (be it in a jar, syringe, or pill), how do you figure out what's really worth your time—and your money?"

A youthful appearance comes from two things: smooth, firm skin, and a bright, even-toned complexion," says dermatologist Howard Sobel, MD, director of the New York Institute of Aesthetic Dermatology and Laser Surgery.

Here are some tips to help achieve Smooth, Firm Skin

The Lifestyle Fix

"Wrinkles, fine lines, sagging—they're all the result of collagen loss and the fact that skin loses the ability to hydrate itself effectively as we age," says Steven Dayan, MD, a Chicago-based facial plastic surgeon.

But the good news is that tweaking your diet can slow the aging process. "Women with nutrient-rich diets tend to have firmer skin," explains Dr. Dayan, who recommends eating foods high in omega-3

fatty acids, as well as foods with vitamins E and C, which "help to promote the production of collagen."

Knowing what not to eat and drink is important, too. Atop the don't list? Alcohol, which dehydrates skin. "As skin becomes drier and less elastic, it looks less supple," Dr. Sobel notes.

And don't underestimate the power of a good (and long!) night's sleep. "When you don't get enough sleep,

the body produces excess cortisol, a hormone that breaks down skin cells," Dr. Sobel says. Getting plenty of rest helps your body "produce more human growth hormone, which helps skin remain supple and elastic so it's less likely to wrinkle prematurely."

Results: Improve your diet, cut back on alcohol, and increase sleep, and you can look two to three years younger in about four to six weeks, experts say.

The Over-the-Beauty-Counter Fix

To soften lines without a doctor's help, "use products with hyaluronic acid, which captures and holds water in the skin, helping to plump up lines and wrinkles," Dr. Dayan says.

Another must-have in your wrinkle-fighting arsenal: a product with retinol. "Retinol, derived from vitamin A, thickens the epidermis, increasing skin firmness," says Ronald Moy, MD, president-elect of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dr. Moy also suggests applying a serum with epidermal growth factors (EGFs), one of the newest ingredients to hit the anti-aging skin-care market. "EGFs are peptides that thicken skin and may increase cell turnover even faster than topical retinoids," he notes.

Results: After four weeks of using a wrinkle-plumping cream with hyaluronic acid, a daily moisturizer with retinol, and an EGF serum at night, you may look two to four years younger.

Doctors banned from smoking in Philippines

MANILA (AFP) — Doctors in the Philippines have been banned from smoking by the country's medical association to make sure they set a good example to their patients, the group said Saturday.

The order by the Philippine Medical Association will also ensure that other people are not affected by a doctor's second-hand smoke, association president Oscar Tinio said in a statement.

"Physicians must be role models on matters of health, whose lives, decorum and

personality are highly respected or emulated by all sectors of society -- that is why it is highly inappropriate for physicians to be seen smoking," he said.

Spokesman Mike Aragon said that the public was encouraged to report smoking medics to the association.

Asked what would happen to doctors who violate the order, Aragon said a committee would decide that later.

"We will cross the bridge when we reach it," he told AFP.



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High estrogen levels impact brain: study

MONTREAL (AFP) — High estrogen levels in women while they are ovulating may be directly responsible for sluggishness or problems concentrating, a Canadian study released Friday has found.

Researchers at Concordia University's Center for Studies in Behavioral Neurobiology in Montreal linked high estrogen levels in laboratory rats to an inability to pay attention and learn.

These high levels have also been shown to interfere with women's ability to pay attention, but the study, to be published in the journal *Brain*

and Cognition, is the first to show "how this impediment can be due to a direct effect of the hormone on mature brain structures," said a statement.

Both humans and rodents have similar brain physiology.

"Although estrogen is known to play a significant role in learning and memory, there has been no clear consensus on its effect," said study lead author Wayne Brake.

"Our findings ... show conclusively that high estrogen levels inhibit the cognitive ability in female rodents."

Kids drink too little water

Children are not drinking as much water as they should, and the deficiency can have far-reaching implications, a new study suggests.

"Even mild dehydration can affect physiological function, and cause fatigue, muscle weakness, headaches and dry mouth," said Samantha Heller, clinical nutrition coordinator at the Center for Cancer Care at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Conn., who was not involved in the study.

Impaired cognitive and mental performance are also linked to inadequate hydration, said Heller.

According to the study, published in the October issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, only 15 to 60 percent of boys and 10 to 54 percent of girls, depending on age, drink the minimum amount of water recommended by the U.S. Institute of Medicine.

Children obtain much of

their water from sweetened beverages rather than plain old H₂O, the researchers found. And those who drink the most plain water consume fewer sweetened beverages and eat fewer high-calorie foods.

Water makes up 55 to 75 percent of total body weight, said Heller. "We cannot live without water for more than a few days because our bodies cannot store water. Thus, it is essential we replace the water our bodies lose every day."

Heller, a nutritionist and dietitian, advises starting children on water early.

"Give them water instead of sweetened beverages during the day and between meals," she said. To make it more appealing, put sliced cucumbers, oranges, lemons or strawberries in ice water, she suggested.

And if your child is hooked on sodas, she advised transitioning to seltzer or flavored seltzers instead.



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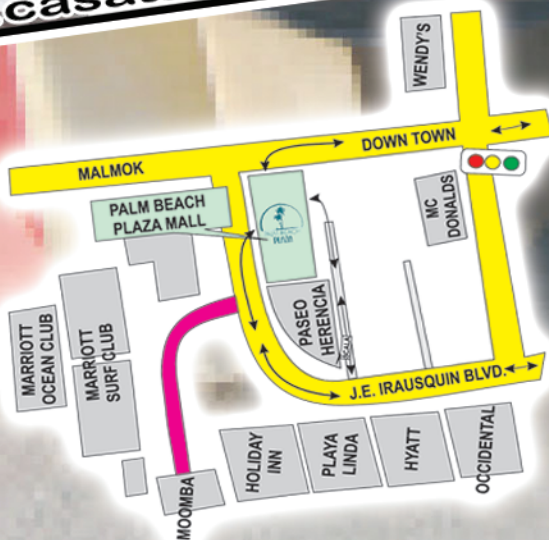
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A weekend of fun and solidarity for staff of MCB/CMB Banks



Managing Directors of MCB Ron Gomes-Casseres, at left with Javier Wouters of CMB Aruba



Organizing committee

Javier Wouters, General Managing Director of Caribbean Mercantile Bank of Aruba, a division of the Maduro Curiel Bank, was proud to host, along with his team, the 6th edition of the Bi-annual interactive games among bank employees from Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire and St. Maarten over the weekend of September 24 and 25.

Mr. Wouters was joined by MCB Managing Director Curacao Ron Gomes-Casseres in welcoming the more than 250 delegates from the four islands during an opening night party and competition at the brand new Dream Bowl in the Palm Beach Plaza Shopping and Entertainment Center on Friday evening. Bank employees displayed their colors and sponsors as they prepared for some stiff competition from their colleagues from the various bank branches on the different islands.

The weekend of healthy pastimes continued the next day at Aruba's high school, Colegio Arubano, with indoor competitions in soccer and volleyball, and hopes the weather would allow the softball game to take place.

This is the first time Aruba has hosted the bi-annual event, and Mr. Wouters credited his organizing team with doing a great job putting together this special weekend for all the delegates. They enjoyed every aspect of the opening night venue, which offers a number of diversions, aside from the most unique bowling facility on Aruba. The weekend finished with an awards ceremony on Saturday night.



Team members from Bonaire



Team members from Curacao

ished with an awards ceremony on Saturday night.
by Rosalie Klein



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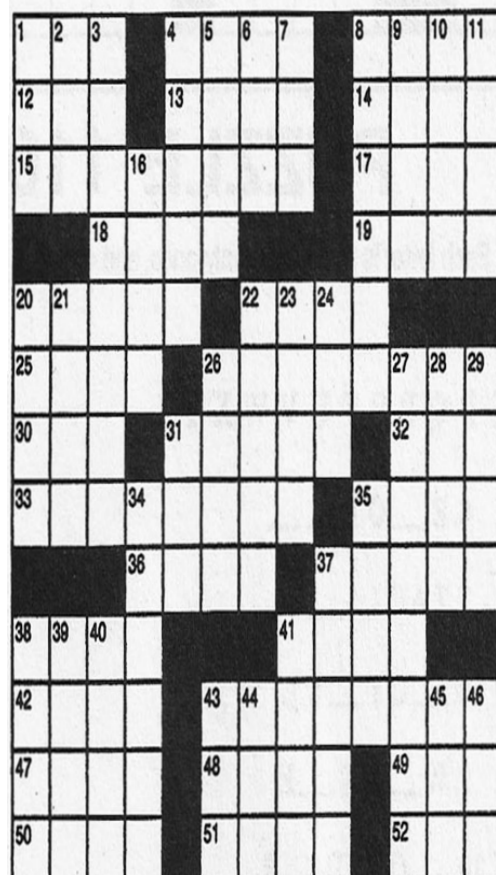
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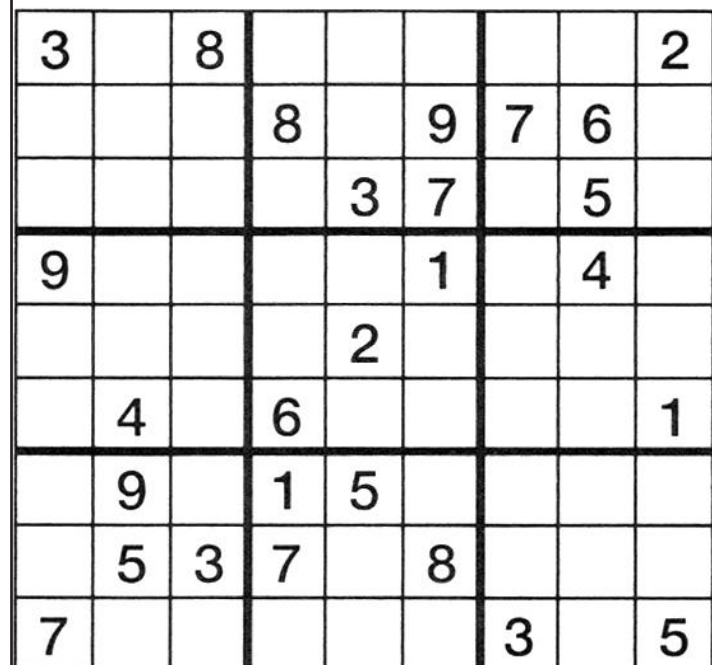
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Australia climate activists freeze world's largest coal port

SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) - Australian climate change activists paralysed the world's largest coal exporting port yesterday for five hours by breaking into the site and chaining themselves to machinery, officials said.

The protesters, from environmental action group Rising Tide, sneaked into Newcastle Port north of Sydney before dawn and attached themselves to loaders in what they called "an emergency intervention."

"Operations were stopped from dawn through to mid-morning," a spokesman for the port told AFP.

"There was a total shut-down for a period of about five hours, and a disruption for a period of about eight hours."

It would be several days before the cost of the disruption was known, the spokesman said.

Police said seven men and

two women had chained themselves to or suspended themselves from machinery, while another 32 activists stormed the Port Waratah Coal facility to occupy a coal stockpile.

"All nine protesters who were tied to the structures were eventually removed by officers from the Police Rescue Squad, arrested and taken to Newcastle Police Station," police said, adding that they had been charged with trespass.

Those who occupied the stockpile were also arrested, but they were released without charge and are likely to be fined at a later date. Cranes were used to move some of the activists.

Rising Tide spokeswoman Annika Dean said that coal was Australia's number one contributor to climate change and the port was used to "export global warming to the world."

Lukoil buys back shares from Conoco, says company

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Lukoil, Russia's largest privately owned oil producer, said yesterday it had exercised an option to buy back 42.5 million of its shares from US oil major ConocoPhillips, at a price of 56 dollars per share.

Lukoil vice president Leonid Fedun said the deal would grow shareholder returns and would not add to the company's total debt.

It "allows us to support our share prices, since the transaction is funded by the group's internal resources, without increasing the company's total debt," Fedun said in a statement.

Texas-based ConocoPhillips said earlier this

year it would begin shedding its 20-percent stake in Lukoil, which it has held since 2006.

Last month Lukoil bought 7.6 percent of its share in a deal worth 3.44 billion dollars (3.3 billion euros) but had retained an option to buy the other 11.6 percent at a price of 56 dollars a share before September 26.

However, Lukoil had said that it would not fully execute the option to buy back its shares to avoid taking on new debt and risking a credit rating downgrade.

The purchase Sunday represented 4.99 percent of Lukoil's stake held by ConocoPhillips, a company spokesman told the Interfax news agency.

Is the euro condemned to rise further?

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - With the United States perhaps ready to print more dollars to underpin growth and Japan selling yen to protect its exports, is the euro condemned to pay the price via an unwanted rise?

The single European currency has jumped back above 1.34 dollars in spite of problems facing the 16-nation eurozone in the form of swollen public deficits and debt.

The euro's appreciation accelerated after the US Federal Reserve hinted on Tuesday it was ready to once again pump cash into the faltering US economy.

In Japan, Japanese authorities declined to comment Friday on speculation they had again intervened in currency markets to weaken the yen after it fell sharply against the dollar in volatile Tokyo trade.

The yen at one point tumbled to 85.38 to the dollar before later rebounding to 84.33.

"The logical consequence of this battle between the US and Japan (and, of course, China) is that the euro should be forced higher, as happened in 2002," said Simon Derrick at the BNY Mellon.

"It becomes, in effect, the safety valve within the system."

At the same time however, the creation of the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) is a clear sign that Europe "has still not fully resolved the longer-structural problem of potential default," noted Lee Hardman at The



Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in London.

For the moment, markets have pushed the euro higher, with investors in Japan expressing negative sentiment against the dollar by buying euros, as they did in 2005-2007, Deutsche Bank analyst Alan Ruskin said.

"The big difference is long-term sentiment toward the euro is still very negative," he noted.

For Hardman, "the euro is metaphorically speaking facing 'death by a thousand cuts'," and its "recent renaissance is running on borrowed time."

Hardman said market sentiment has been eroded by actions like the European Central Bank's purchase of eurozone public debt and weakening of collateral standards in connection with unlimited cash support for eurozone commercial banks.

The ECB is unlikely to intervene like the Bank of Japan however, because its mandate is to provide price stability, and currency purchases could

rekindle troubling speculation about its independence.

In addition, "it is not sure at the moment that the ECB could find consensus among its member countries" for an intervention, Deutsche Bank economist Gilles Moec told AFP.

Some countries, including export-oriented Germany, have managed to prosper even when the euro's value against other major currencies rises, and a stronger euro has kept the eurozone's energy bill from going through the roof.

"The ECB tends to have a much more hands off approach and they are more comfortable with a stronger currency," noted David Solin of Foreign Exchange Analytics.

Natixis economist Patrick Artus said his bank felt history showed "the use of currency interventions (the accumulation of foreign exchange reserves) to prevent an exchange rate appreciation is largely ineffective," furthermore.

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan nonetheless told the Financial Times that "if there is a drastic change in the currency, such intervention is unavoidable."

European political authorities could also be tempted to react soon if the euro's rise continues, said Samarjit Shankar at BNY Mellon, but most likely in verbal form.

"As we approach 1.35 you will see pretty strong words coming out of Europe," he predicted.

Hyundai recalls nearly 140,000 Sonata sedans in US

WASHINGTON (AFP) - South Korea's top automaker Hyundai Motor is recalling nearly 140,000 of its 2011 model year Sonata sedans in the United States due to a steering problem, US authorities said yesterday.

Hyundai is recalling 139,500 vehicles because of a problem with the steering column, in which "the driver could experience a loss of, or reduction in, steering capability increasing the risk of a crash," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said. The recall is expected to begin in October, the NHTSA said on its website.

The NHTSA said that dealers "will inspect the steering column intermediate shaft universal joint connections for proper assembly and torque," and will update the power steering software.

It's not the first time that the

Sonatas have experienced mechanical trouble: on February 24 the company said it was recalling 47,300 of its latest Sonata sedans in the United States and the domestic market due to a possible door lock problem.

Separately, Hyundai ordered the recall of more than 500 Tucson sport utility vehicles in the United States in early March due to potentially defective airbags.

Recalls come at a sensitive time for the world auto industry after Japan's Toyota was forced to recall millions of vehicles worldwide earlier in the year.

Hyundai's US auto sales rose 8.3 percent to 435,064 in 2009, giving it a market share there of 4.2 percent compared to 3 percent in 2008.

The company's overseas plants account for about half of Hyundai's total sales.

On September 7 the head of South Korea's second-largest automaker, Kia Motors, resigned to take responsibility for the recall of tens of thousands of cars over faulty electrical wiring.

Hyundai and Kia together form the world's fifth largest automaking group and have been pushing hard in recent years to improve quality.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and specta-

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to pro-



cular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

vide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Dufry Aruba N.V. is part of Aruba's community for more than 10 years. The company not only stands out for its perfumes and cosmetics, but also for its willingness to support local foundations in different ways.

As of Friday, September 24, the well-known perfumery officially launched its campaign "Let's give back to Mother Nature," which will end December 31, 2011. A small version of this campaign was already launched for Mother's Day. Up to now a total of 800 perfume bottles of different brands, sizes and colors were collected.

This coming year Dufry Aruba N.V. wants to put emphasis on our environment. One of their aims is to make the Aruban community aware that they can recycle glass, especially perfume bottles. Dufry Aruba N.V. is offering everyone who brings an empty perfume bottle to one of its stores at the Royal Plaza Mall

or in the Mainstreet, a 10% discount on their purchase.

Dufry Aruba N.V. is the only perfume company that collects empty perfume bottles for recycling. The company is already in contact with different local artists who will create pieces of art pieces from the collected bottles. At the end of this tremendous campaign, Dufry Aruba N.V. will host an exhibition during the whole month of December in 2011, where everyone can admire the different art pieces by our local talents. The event will culminate in a tremendous gala event where the pieces will be showcased and put on auction. The proceeds will be distributed among different local foundations.

Dufry Aruba N.V. invites the Aruban people in general to join them within their campaign. "By being ECO-Conscious you will be ECO-Chic and our environment will be ECO-Happy."

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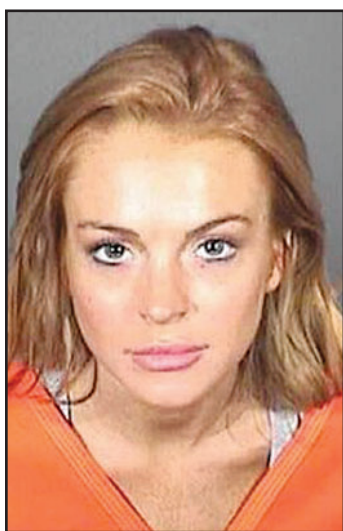
US starlet Lindsay Lohan bails out of jail

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – Troubled US starlet Lindsay Lohan has bailed out of jail where she spent only about 15 hours for failing another court-ordered drug test, the Los Angeles county sheriff's office said on the weekend.

The 24-year-old was led from a court in handcuffs Friday morning -- the third time in as many years -- after Judge Elden Fox of the Beverly Hills Superior Court found evidence Lohan was guilty of substance abuse.

Fox denied bail to Lohan after she tested positive for cocaine in a court-ordered test, but was later reversed by a superior who set bail at 300,000 dollars.

After the bail was posted Lohan was released at 11:40 pm Friday (0640 GMT Saturday) from the Century Regional Detention Facility in the



Lynwood suburb of Los Angeles, a sheriff's spokesman said.

She is due back in court on October 22 to determine whether she violated her probation from an earlier sentence by testing positive for drugs. Lohan must also wear an ankle bracelet that will monitor her blood alcohol content.



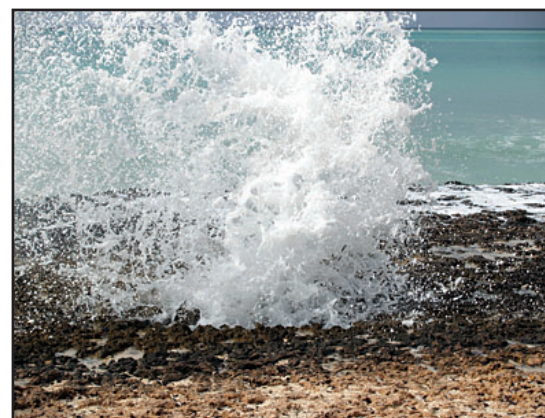
Rocks



Dramatic rock formations are all over aruba



At left, high heat produces the granite of Ayo and Casibari; at right, seawater comes up through the rocks when it gets rough



One thing I like best about my work is meeting people from all over who come to Aruba. They learn from me about our island, and I often learn from them. I had the good fortune to take a visiting lecturer, Robert Koester, on a tour one Sunday, and I learned a lot about the make up of Aruba's rock formations, as he is an expert on that sort of thing. He has written a book and dedicated his life to search and rescue and it is really important to understand the make up of a place where you are searching for someone if you are to do it properly.

Aruba has a lot of rock formations of hard granite, some

are well known, like Ayo and Casibari, and are visited daily, but there are many others deep in the mondi that visitors rarely see. I did not know that it takes tremendous heat to make these formations, but it makes sense, as I do know that geologists, who have studied Aruba and how it came to be, claim the land was pushed up out of the sea by underwater volcanoes.

Conchi, or The Natural Pool, is good evidence of that, because it is all made of what is called Pillow-Basalt, or hardened lava, you can see the way the black rock formed when the molten rock hit the cooling seas. Also along the

coast there is a lot of soft limestone and coral rock, you can actually see the distinct coral formations in the rock, and sometimes the impressions of prehistoric creatures! The sea is always crashing on those cliffs to make our famous natural bridges. There are also pipelines of water going under the cliffs, which sometimes spurt up through the rock when there is rough water. These may someday be natural bridges, too. I think that will be long after I and my children, and grandchildren are gone.

EDITORS NOTE: "Ban Keiro" is Papiamentu for "let's go tripping in the cunucu!" Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single rangerover type all terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, and offers trips to the Natural Pool and other areas of Aruba that can only be reached with a sturdy 4x4 and, most importantly, a knowledgeable guide who know their way. She congenially shares her anecdotes and vast inventory of island factoids. For more information and pick up at your resort, call 746-1397.



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Chennai Super Kings storm to Champions League title



Chennai Super Kings cricket squad celebrate after their victory over the Warriors during the Final of the Champions League Twenty20 League match between Chennai Super Kings and Warriors at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - The Chennai Super Kings crushed the Eastern Cape Warriors by eight wickets in the final of the Champions League Twenty20 tournament at the Wanderers Stadium on Sunday.

Spin bowlers Ravichandran Ashwin and Muttiah Muralitharan set up the win as the Warriors were restricted to 128 for seven in 20 overs.

Chennai opening batsmen Mike Hussey and Murali Vijay put on 103 for the first wicket without needing to take any risks.

The result was never in any real doubt although there were only six balls to spare when captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni hit the winning runs.

The win earned Chennai a 2.5-million dollar jackpot and completed a notable double after they won the Indian Premier League earlier this year. The Warriors took home 1.3-million dollars.

Yet the Warriors got off to a flying start, with captain Davy Jacobs hitting 34 off 21 balls after winning the toss.

The South African team raced to 39 for no wicket in the first four overs before Ashwell Prince was bowled by Doug Bollinger for six.

Jacobs was out in the next over when he missed an attempted reverse sweep against Ashwin and was leg before wicket.

After that the scoring rate slowed to a trickle. Ashwin, the top wicket-taker in the tournament, took two for 16 in his four overs and fellow off-spinner Muralitharan took three for 16.

Jacobs hit eight boundaries but the rest of the batsmen could only manage five fours and a six between them, with two fours and a six hit by Craig Thyssen off successive balls in the 17th over.

Vijay made 58 and Hussey 51 not out as the methodically chased down the Warriors total.

Vijay, who finished as the tournament's leading run-scorer, had two let-offs, both from Mark Boucher, the most experienced player in the Warriors team.

The South African Test

wicketkeeper missed an edge off Rusty Theron when Vijay was on 15 and fumbled a stumping chance off left-arm spin bowler Nicky Boje when the batsman had scored 34.

'Super Six' bouts set for November start

NEW YORK (AFP) - The Super Six super middleweight boxing tournament World Boxing Classic will get underway again with a November 27 double-header in the United States and Finland.

US cable television outlet Showtime, the tournament organizer, said Britain's Carl Froch will fight Armenian-born German Arthur Abraham at Hartwall Areena in Helsinki.

American Andre Ward will defend his World Boxing Association title against Andre Dorell at a venue still to be named in the United States.

Still in limbo is Allan Green, who was left without an opponent for the last round-robin bout when Mikkel Kessler dropped out with an injury several weeks ago.

There were discussions for Green to step aside and allow the other four to move straight to semi-final matches, but that plan has been scrapped and Showtime is working to find an opponent for him.

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Harrington hits form as Parry records maiden Tour win

PARIS (AFP) - Englishman John Parry won his first EPGA event here on Sunday when he held on to win the Vivendi Cup.

The 23-year-old tour rookie claimed the 169,000 pounds winners cheque with a two-shot victory over Sweden's Johan Edfors after hitting a final round 70 to finish on 17-under par and more importantly for him guarantee his place on the Tour next year.

The European Ryder Cup team received a boost ahead of next week's clash with the United States as three-time major winner Pádraig Harrington carded the best round of the day - an eight under-par 64 to finish in a tie for eighth place.

The Irishman has been a contentious choice by captain Colin Montgomerie having not won for two years but opted to take part here to try and play himself into form.

Harrington, whose last win came in the PGA Championship in 2008, would not be drawn on the controversy surrounding his selection.

"It's impossible to prove any point like that," said the 39-year-old Irishman, who has won just one point in the past two Ryder Cup clashes.

"Everybody's got their opinion and most people will be committed to that opinion.

"It's not something I can control, so best to stay away from it. But I am obviously happy. The week before a big event is all about seeing where your game is at and what needs working on.

"I struggled putting earlier in the week and it was sharp today, so I don't have as much to work on.

"I am excited to get there (Celtic Manor for the Ryder Cup) and ready to go."

The modified round-robin format calls for each of the contestants to have three group-phase fights, earning points based on the results.

The top four progress to semi-finals, with a final title unification bout to cap the tournament.

Semi-final bouts are now expected to be set following November's fights, with the title match coming next year just as originally planned.

Little in the group stage has gone as planned.

A brutal knockout loss by Jermain Taylor knocked him out of the tournament. Green came in as a replacement.

Other injuries have led to delays and Kessler pulled out last month with an eye injury.

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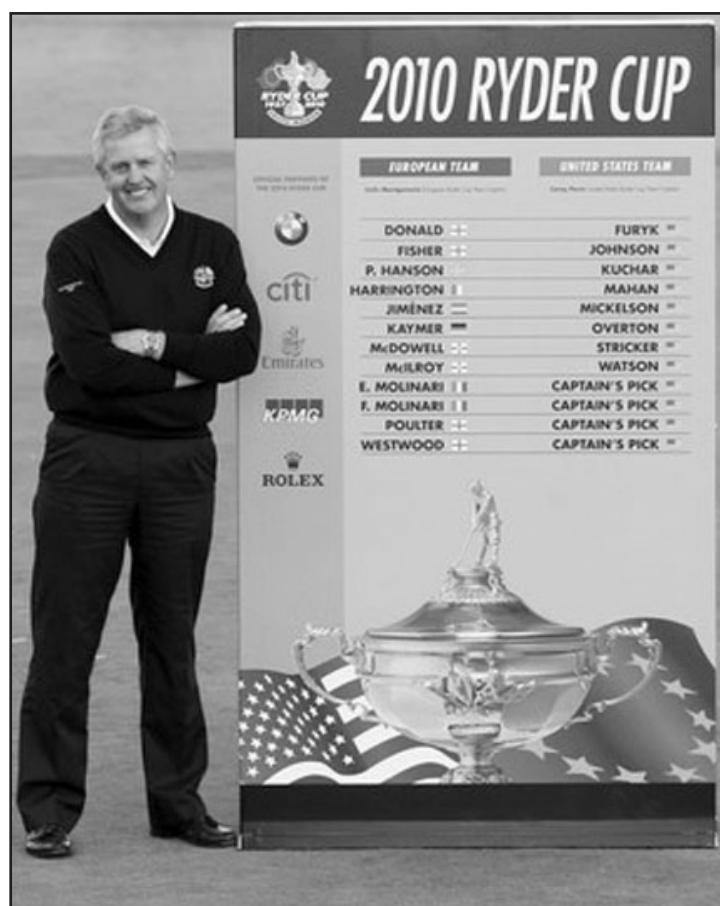
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Monty praying Ryder Cup dream comes true



European Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie. The Ryder Cup 2010 is from Oct 1-3 in Wales.

LONDON (AFP) - European Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie said on Sunday he was ready for the biggest week of his life and he hoped that the end result would be

as he had dreamt it would be at the Welsh course of Celtic Manor.

The 47-year-old Scot, who played in eight Ryder Cups and reserved some of his

greatest performances for them, wrote in his column for the Sunday Telegraph that he would also not swap any of his Ryder Cup experiences for the major that eluded him throughout his career.

"Let the biggest week of my life commence," said Montgomerie, who finished runner-up five times in majors.

"I have imagined it for a very long time and let us hope the outcome is as I have always dreamt it," added Montgomerie, who never lost a singles match in Ryder Cup play.

Montgomerie, whose overall Ryder Cup record of 23.5 points is just 1.5 points short of the all-time European record held by Sir Nick Faldo, said that his love of the biennial event overshadowed anything else in his career.

"Of course I would love to have won a major and the ones that narrowly got away such as Winged Foot (2006 US Open) will always haunt me.

"I love everything about the Ryder Cup, from the atmosphere, the team spirit, the pride that you feel as you put on the European uniform, the tension on the first tee to the team room banter."

Montgomerie, whose fearsome temper is seen as a potentially weak part of his captain's make-up, says that while he learnt a lot about the art of captaincy from all his Ryder Cup captains he would be drawing on two of them in particular this week.

"Bernard Gallacher (1991/93/95) was a great communicator and hugely

popular among the players, Seve Ballesteros (1997) was unrivalled in the passion, energy and enthusiasm which infected the entire team.

"Ian Woosnam (2006) brought a unique understanding of his players; never missing an opportunity to instil confidence.

"However, overall I think my captaincy style will combine a lot of Bernhard Langer (2004) and Sam Torrance (2002), both of whom I admire enormously."

One captain he did not mention was Faldo, who has complained that Montgomerie had not replied to his invitation to call on him for advice.

However there appear to be two reasons for that: Faldo's captaincy two years ago is seen as the equivalent of that of Hal Sutton's disastrous stewardship of the US in 2004 and secondly Montgomerie revealed in his column that not being part of the team had hurt him deeply.

"If I had to pinpoint the

worst moment of my career, it wouldn't be the duffed approach on the 18th at Winged Foot as many might expect, but rather the moment I found out that I wasn't on the 2008 team - listening to the message from Sir Nick Faldo informing me I wasn't to receive a captain's pick and I wouldn't play any part in Europe's 2008 campaign."

Montgomerie for his part has come under fire over his captain's picks, especially the contentious choice of out of form three-time major winner Padraig Harrington ahead of Justin Rose or Paul Casey, but the captain insists this shows the strength of the European players in that he is spoiled for choice.

"We had an embarrassment of riches at our disposal this year and I have said many times that we wished the team would contain 20 players," he said.

"The fact that world-class players and multiple winners are not in the team shows how far the Tour has come."

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Quincy Offringa carries Aruban flag at opening of Colgate World Cup



Pictured at front, Quincy Offringa heading the opening parade of the 2010 Colgate World Cup in Sylt, Germany



Quincy (standing, center) posing with other freestyle competitors

Last weekend the 2010 Colgate Windsurf World Cup Sylt kicked off in Sylt, Germany.

The action began on Friday and will continue up to October 3.

During the opening ceremony of the PWA Windsurf-

ing World Cup, Aruba's Quincy Offringa headed the parade of nations proudly bearing the Aruba flag.

Quincy who at present is ranked 7th overall will be battling to improve or maintain his position in freestyle. Later this week he will be

joined by his sister Sarah-Quita Offringa three times PWA women's freestyle world-champion and 2nd runner-up in slalom 2010.

The PWA's premium crop of slalom, freestyle, and wave sailors descended on Sylt's iconic sands for another year of spectacular multi-discipline competition during the 2010 Colgate World Cup.

Tension is high among the competitors whilst they prepare to battle it out for precious points towards their overall world rankings off Sylt's iconic golden sands!

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Sylt Germany is a small island on the northernmost point in Germany and is a part of the North Frisian Islands, which is just south of Denmark. The island has a population of around 21,000. For the past 40 years, Sylt has been the preferred playground of the German jet set, providing gossip for Germany's tabloid press.



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